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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR RICE MEETS NY STATE GOVERNOR PATERSON  
AND SYG BAN KI-MOON

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¶1. (C) SUMMARY: At the request of the UN Secretary-General (SYG) Ban Ki-Moon, Ambassador Rice arranged a meeting between the SYG and NY State Governor David Paterson to solicit cooperation from the State on security issues pertaining to the UN's Capital Master Plan (CMP). Both the SYG and Governor Paterson thanked Ambassador Rice for facilitating the meeting and making the effort to bring the parties together to address the outstanding issues. Moving forward, Governor Paterson volunteered to assist the UN and the City in addressing the problems suggesting that the UN, City and State establish a task force bringing together the pertinent technical experts to address the issues. Ambassador Rice welcomed the support and cooperation offered by the Governor. She indicated that the U.S. would continue to participate in these efforts, noting that Under Secretary of State Kennedy has participated in the past and would be willing to participate in their new efforts. END SUMMARY

¶2. (C) UN Officials asked the US Mission to take the lead in arranging a meeting between Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon and NY State Governor to obtain the cooperation of the State on matters pertaining to security issues relating to the CMP. The meeting was held on May 7, 2009 at the Governor's Midtown office. For the UN, participants were the SYG, both his Chief of Staff Vijay Nambiar and his Deputy Chief of Staff Kim Won-Soo, Assistant Secretary General Angela Kane, Assistant Secretary General Michael Adlerstein and Special Assistant Nicola Koch. For the USG it was Ambassador Rice accompanied by Bruce Rashkow and Eileen Merritt from MR and Russell Graham from Host Country Relations. For NY State, it was Governor Paterson and Timothy Gilchrist, Senior Advisor to Governor Paterson for Infrastructure and Transportation and Michelle Clarke-Ceres, Chief of Staff.

¶3. (C) The SYG thanked the Governor for meeting with him and congratulated the Governor on his appointment as Governor of NY State expressing the hope that, in spite of the economic downturn, that the state would be re-energized under his leadership. The SYG also thanked Ambassador Rice for her leadership in facilitating the meeting between the parties and seeking to bring the parties together in addressing the outstanding concerns. The SYG indicated to the Governor that the UN is seeking the cooperation and support from NY State in dealing with security issues relating to the CMP, referring specifically to the 42nd Street FDR ramp as well as the FDR Drive more generally, while acknowledging that the portion of the FDR Drive most directly bearing on the CMP is owned by the City. The SYG stated the UN was now consulting with the City on how to strengthen security of the FDR Drive.

¶4. (C) The Governor thanked Ambassador Rice for facilitating the meeting and bringing the parties together to address the outstanding concerns. The Governor mentioned that he was aware of some "opposition" from the City. Mr. Adlerstein, UN Assistant Secretary-General on the CMP, indicated that he

would not characterize the views of the City as "opposing" CMP, but rather as raising issues regarding the implementation of the CMP. In this respect, Adlerstein noted that the City and the UN have been collaborating to address outstanding concerns. Governor Paterson clarified that he didn't mean to suggest that he understood the City to "oppose" the renovation of the UN, but that the City raised concerns, referring specifically to the columns along the FDR underpass. In this respect, the Governor indicated that he understands the City's concerns regarding any impact that CMP security measures relating to the FDR Drive might have on the traffic flow and getting around the City.

¶5. (C) The Governor indicated that the State wanted to be helpful, noting that NY State has a host of technical experts in the NY State Department of Transportation and the NY State Office of Homeland Security that can offer assistance to the UN and the City in moving forward on the outstanding concerns. He suggested that the City, the State and UN organize a task force to address the concerns. Mr. Gilchrist stressed the benefits of starting early on the problems and getting the right people in the room. Ambassador Rice indicated that we looked forward to participating in those discussions and that Under Secretary for Management Pat Kennedy, who had been following these issues, would participate in that effort.

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